



## **Livestock Indemnity Program**

### **Background**

The Livestock Indemnity Program is an emergency effort administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to help livestock owners who suffered losses from recent natural disasters. It provides a partial reimbursement to eligible owners for livestock losses.

### **Where is this Assistance Available?**

Livestock Indemnity Program assistance is available to eligible owners who suffered livestock losses in 2000 that were the result of natural disasters or wildfires that received a Presidential Disaster Declaration or Secretarial Disaster Designation.

Assistance is available only in counties named as primary disaster counties. Assistance is not available in contiguous counties under this program.

Livestock losses due to anthrax are also covered. No disaster declaration or designation is required.

### **Who is Eligible?**

Eligible producers are those who:

1. Owned the eligible livestock at the time of the loss;
2. Suffered a loss of eligible livestock that is the direct or related

result of the event for which the Presidential Declaration or Secretarial Designation was made. Losses must have occurred due to the disasters in the declaration or designation;

3. Are citizens of, or legal resident aliens in, the United States.

Eligible livestock categories are:

- Beef and dairy cattle;
- Sheep;
- Goats;
- Swine;
- Poultry, including egg-producing poultry;
- Equine animals used for food or the production of food;
- Buffalo and beefalo, when maintained on the same basis as cattle.

Producers must provide documentation to support loss claims. Horses used for purposes other than human food or the production of food are not eligible.

### **How is the Payment Calculated?**

Animal categories and applicable market values for the disaster period and normal mortality rates are used in the calculation of national payment rates. If the producers loss is in excess of the normal mortality rate for the animal category, as established by Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), the benefits are paid at the national rate

set by CCC for those animal losses in excess of the normal mortality rate.

If the total calculated payments under all approved applications exceed the amount allocated, a uniform reduction will be applied to each producer's payment.

### **Will the Payment be Reduced if I Have Private Insurance?**

No. Livestock Indemnity Program payments are not adjusted to account for insurance indemnities received from other sources. This is to encourage producers to seek private means of minimizing their livestock production loss risk.

However, payments will be reduced if compensation for the loss was received from other sources.

### **When Will Producers be Reimbursed?**

Payment will be made after all applications have been received, and it has been determined that a uniform reduction must be applied.

### **When and Where Can I Sign Up?**

The signup period for assistance began January 18, 2001. Applications should be made at the local FSA office serving your area.

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Further information is available at your local FSA office. These are usually listed in telephone books under "United States Government, U.S. Department of Agriculture." You may also obtain information from FSA's Home Page at: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

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